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JAPANESE CULCON COMMITTEE MET JAN. 23 AND REVIEWED STATUS OF PLANNING FOR CULCON VIII AND SYMPOSIUM AND VARIOUS REPORTS AND PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM U.S. COMMITTEE. FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS WERE COMMUNICATED TO EMBASSY:

1. DATES FOR CULCON VIII AND SYMPOSIUM HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, BUT JAPANESE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR CULCON VIII. THEY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES ON U.S. SIDE, SIMILAR TO THOSE JAPANESE HAVE JUST PREPARED AND WE HAVE FORWARDED AND SUMMARIZED BY EARLIER TELEGRAM.

2. THE SYMPOSIUM OUTLINE IS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT JAPANESE BELIEVE THE VARIOUS ISSUES TO BE COVERED REQUIRE MORE DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZING GROUPS. JAPANESE ALSO QUESTION THE ROLE AND EFFICACY OF "AUTHORITIES" IN ADDITION TO MODERATORS, DISCUSSANTS, AND CO-CHAIRMEN MENTIONED IN U.S. PROPOSAL.

3. JAPANESE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE TITLE OF THE

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SYMPOSIUM CHANGED TO AVOID THE WORD "ENCOUNTER." THEY

WOULD LIKE A MORE ATTRACTIVE SOUNDING TITLE, BUT DO NOT YET HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION. THEY WOULD WELCOME U.S. SUGGESTIONS, AND JAPANESE ORGANIZERS FOR SYMPOSIUM MAY COME UP WITH PROPOSALS.

4. THE JAPANESE CULCON COMMITTEE HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES PROPOSED IN THE HALL-MAEDA LETTER OF LAST SUMMER BUT THEY NOTE THAT SOME AMENDMENT TO THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ESTABLISHING THE JOINT COMMITTEE MAY BE NECESSARY.

5. JAPANESE SIDE HAS NOT ANSWERS YET ON THE U.S. PROPOSALS FOR A JOURNALISM SUBCOMMITTEE OR REQUEST FOR A STATUS REPORT ON THE TV SUBCOMMITTEE. THEY HOPE TO HAVE REPLIES ON BOTH WITHIN A WEEK. SEPARATELY, FUKUSHIMA RECENTLY TOLD TENNY THAT HE THOUGHT JOURNALISM SUBCOMMITTEE WAS A GOOD IDEA AND WOULD BE HELPFUL. SHOESMITH

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